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ABSTRACT

This collection development aid lists more than 10,000 titles of children's materials available in a variety of formats (in addition to print materials, the guide also includes sound recordings, video cassettes, microcomputer software programs, CD-ROM products, and videodiscs). This 20th anniversary edition contains several special features, including a history of the book; a profile of its original editor, Mary Gaver; an interview with Arthur Brody; and lists of classic titles from previous editions. The body of the book, or "classified catalog," is divided into: (1) Professional Collection (e.g. adult titles highly recommended for parenting collections and materials that emphasize innovative and recent trends for teachers); (2) Reference; (3) Periodicals; (4) Nonfiction; (5) Easy; and (6) Fiction. Each entry contains complete bibliographic information, a descriptive annotation which frequently suggests curriculum use, and full cataloging. Additional information is supplied to simplify selection: priorities for acquisitions, reading levels, interest levels, Canadian distribution, and availability from National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Some special subject matter for this edition includes: materials for physically challenged students, substance abuse, AIDS awareness,and multicultural acceptance. Materials included meet the curriculum-related needs and personal interests of preschool through sixth-grade children. The listings are highly selective: only 29% of prospective new titles were included in this edition, and all previously included titles underwent re-evaluation. Indices and appendices provide access to materials by: author, title, subject, author's series, publisher's series, preschool materials, and independent reading for new readers. Also appended is a directory of publishers and producers. (SWC)

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